



4-H Cowboy Action Shooting to Start Second Season

If you enjoy the shooting sports and like to shoot a lot and shoot fast, 4-H Cowboy Action is the project for you. Currently Gallatin County offers the only 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting Project in the country and will begin its second season with an orientation meeting on **Thursday, April 16th** at 7:00 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Any 4-H member who turned 12 years old by October 1, 2008 (4-H age 13) is welcome to attend.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a fast paced, timed shooting contest that records your scores in seconds and adds a 5 second penalty to each miss. The shooter with the fastest time wins. Shooter use guns of the Old West era and attempt to hit steel targets at various ranges. Members are also required to dress in cowboy clothes or as close as possible. All the rules and requirements will be introduced at the orientation meeting. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If this has you curious, check out the first meeting and see if 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting might be your next 4-H adventure.

Shooting Sports Awards Banquet

The award ceremony for Shooting Sports will be held Wednesday, April 1st in the Beartooth Room at the Comfort Inn (beside Wal-Mart) in Bozeman. Time will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the room will be open at 5:00. This will be a potluck dinner. Families with last names that start with A-M are asked to bring a main dish and families with last names starting with N-Z are asked to bring a salad or dessert. If you have any questions, please call Bob Thompson at 580-5551.

Ennis Invitational Archery Shoot

The Archery events will be held on April 18 at the **Ennis Elementary Gym**. Cost per event is \$10. Spots will be shot on the hour starting at 8:00 and going to 3:00, more than one class may be entered. **Entries to be received by April 10**, after that, call for shooting time availability; they will take late entries by phone until April 16. Pick up your registration form at the Gallatin County Extension Office. If you have any questions, call Tanya Maninger at 406-660-1559.

Pacific Northwest Shooting Sports Training Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on April 25-26, 2009

Training Disciplines Offered: Archery, Rifle, Pistol (Handgun), (minimum of 4 participants needed per discipline for that option to be held). This program is endorsed by OSU, UI & WSU Extension, and meets the educational training requirements to serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leader within Idaho, Oregon and Washington. We use the National Training Curriculum in Montana, this training workshop in Idaho will qualify for instructor certification for Montana 4-H Shooting Sports leaders. Registration deadline is April 17. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Shooting Sports Training: Laurel, MT

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held at the Laurel Rifle Club in Laurel on May 1-2, 2009. All disciplines, which include rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, hunting, archery, coordinator, and cowboy action, will be offered. The Friday night session on 4-H and risk management will be from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Saturday discipline training is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. The registration deadline is April 20th. The fee is \$50 for adult leaders and \$25 for teen leaders who must work under trained adult supervision. Saturday's lunch is provided. Registrants will receive a full agenda and a map to the facility the week before the event. Pick up registration form and pre-test at the Extension Office.